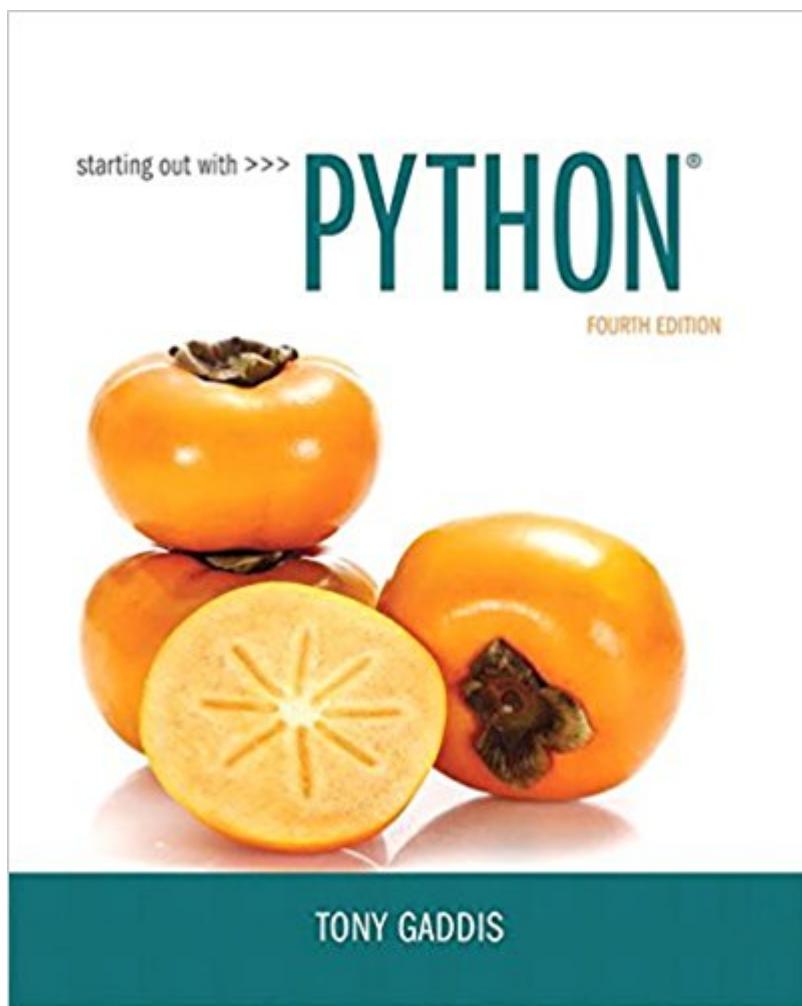


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A pretty decent book, was required for my Intro to Programming class at UW. I would say that this is a great supplemental book to practice and online resources.

This is a good intro to Python book, and I would recommend it for anyone who wants an overview of Python. It's definitely suitable for people new(er) to programming, but still worth a casual read for experienced coders and I've found it to be a nice reference; however, if you are experienced, have an idea of what you want to do, and have more time on hand than extra cash, you can save some money by just reading through the abundance of documentation at python.org.

This is a textbook for a university class I am taking, but I have found it very helpful and would buy if I were trying to teach myself Python.

Good intro into the Python language.

programming is hard! I had to buy the book for a class and I think its thorough.

Gaddis has been a most friendly "first tour" of Python and modern object programming. When I needed to go back and review certain features of the language in order to solve problems that my friends were throwing at me to code, the index was wonderful and turned the book into a useful working tool. Gaddis never hit me over the head with any "clever" coding. However over time programming patterns became clear through his teaching examples. I'm an older fellow bringing only a bit of "procedural" FORTRAN experience on a mainframe from years ago. Gaddis brought me into modern python including sequential file processing and exceptions, object-oriented programming, and class design including inheritance and polymorphism. Avoiding small, crimped printing, Addison-Wesley opted to publish the work with a pleasing much larger page layout, which is much better for learning and mark-up. I read the chapters straight through in the suggested order, and at no point did I ever feel that I had "hit a wall" or feel overwhelmed by the new concepts being presented. Summing up, this book interweaves the theoretical with the really practical in a wonderful way. The other point I'd make is that the book succeeds admirably in building up self-confidence in the reader. Recommended. Definitely worth the money. My second python book will be "Python Programming Fundamentals" by Kent D. Lee, because it is the only python book I know of that integrates elementary python teaching with use of a debugger in an easy "Integrated Development Environment." Lee suggests the free "Wingware IDE 101," available online, and makes himself available to readers via email. My third python book will be "The Quick Python Book," 2nd edition, by Naomi Ceder. Quite a bit more advanced than the other two books, Ceder tours many more features and options of python and so prepares one mentally to dig into the standard language documentation. Its index is good.

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